

**MEETING SUMMARY
PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 6, 2001**

The forty-first meeting of the Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) was held on December 6, 2001, at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Room 102, Sacramento, California, 95814.

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT (Based on Sign-In Sheets):

Paul E Helliker, Department of Pesticide Regulation
Steve Shaffer, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Karen Heisler, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9
Mark Tognazzini, California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association
Robert Bugg, University of California – Davis, SAREP
Rick Melnicoe, University of California – Davis, Dept. of Environmental Toxicology
Jennifer Ryder Fox, AgraQuest
Rebecca Sisco, Western Region IR-4 Program, UC – Davis
Robert Curtis, California League of Food Processors
Mark Shelton, CA State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
Maxwell Norton, UC Cooperative Extension Merced County
Pete Price, Price Consulting
Kim Crum, Calif Agricultural Production Consultants Association
Mark Cady, Community Alliance for Family Farmers
Anne Katten, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
Laurie Nelson, Chemical Specialty Manufacturers Association
Christine Bruhn, University of California - Davis, Director, Center for Consumer Research
Cynthia Cory replacing Tess Dennis, California Farm Bureau Federation
Robert Ehn, California Plant Health Association
Terri Olle, Californians for Pesticide Reform

ABSENT MEMBERS (Based on Sign-In Sheets):

Mel Androus, California Commodity Committee
Robert Baker, Pest Control Operators of California
Joel Nelsen, California Citrus Mutual
Cliff Ohmart, Lodi Woodbridge Wine Grape Commission
Steve Pavich, Pavich Farms
William Thomas, Livingston and Mattesich
Barry Wilson, University of California - Davis, Dept. of Environmental Toxicology
Dawit Zeleke, Nature Conservancy Program for Strategic Pest Management

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT (Based on Sign-In Sheets):

DPR Staff :

Dave Duncan
Nan Gorder
Bob Elliott
Lisa Ross
Belinda Messenger
Angelica Welsh
Sewell Simmons
Adirenne Alvord
Liz Pelham
Naomi Fualau

Barbara Todd, CDFA

AGENDA ITEMS

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AND AMENDMENT TO MEETING SUMMARY.

Paul Helliker opened the meeting with introductions.

2. INTRODUCTION OF PMAC SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM FUNDING FOR DPR: SUBCOMMITTEE FOCUS AND MEMBERS.

Paul introduced the PMAC Subcommittee on Long Term Funding for DPR. Adrienne Alvord, DPR's Legislative Director, will serve as chairperson. The subcommittee will help to develop a baseline of what DPR is doing and what it costs. Handouts outlined the issues the subcommittee will be asked to comment on. A suggestion was made that the handouts be made available to the subcommittee in electronic form.

3. UPDATE ON EVALUATION OF PEST MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Larry Ellsworth and Pat Weddle, representing the Center for Agricultural Partnerships (CAP), provided an update covering their evaluation of DPR's Pest Management Alliance Program. They discussed data from the mail survey they conducted, particularly the effectiveness of PMA outreach. The current focus of the study is on: 1) the consistency of RFP intent and how that relates to what happens on the PMA project, and 2) the different perceptions of success by the different alliances. A draft report will be available in late February. Committee members requested a copy of the final report.

4. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS FOR APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PEST MANAGEMENT GRANTS AND PEST MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE GRANT

Paul provided a brief history of the split-budget accounting change that resulted in a \$430K reduction in the amount of funding available for this grants cycle. Historically, there was \$900K available for PMA and \$500K for PMG (total \$1.4 million). This year, there will be a total of \$990K available for PMA and PMG. The PMAC will determine how that money is split between the PMA and PMG proposals.

The committee provided general comments and offered suggestions to improve the grant process. DPR staff will consider all comments during the RFP revision process in preparation for the 2002-03 grants cycle. Progress reports still seem to be deficient in certain aspects regarding information needed by subcommittees for evaluation. The contract manager's role is unclear. An evaluation of continuing projects by the contract manager may be necessary in addition to the PMAC evaluation.

Each of the subcommittee chairs Kim Crum – Multipest, Maxwell Norton - Arthropod, Christine Bruhn - Non-Agricultural, Bob Ehn - Weed and Vertebrate, and Bob Curtis – Pathogen, gave a brief report and funding recommendations from their committees. After discussion the committee agreed to fund all PMA projects scoring above 85% but reduce the funding level of each by 20% to allow more money for PMG projects. Funding recommendations for PMG projects were DEMO-4,5,8,10,11,13 and APPL-4,5,6,8,10.

5. OTHER BUSINESS, AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Recommendation to examine sustainability programs in relation to DPR's priorities and - how to link together.

Paul will meet with sustainability groups to see where links might exist and how these links might affect the PMA and PMG grants programs (e.g., how they affect the RFPs).

A report will be provided at the next PMAC meeting. Also, a Cal/Fed report and information about availability of the EPIC report on line will be provided at the next meeting.

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